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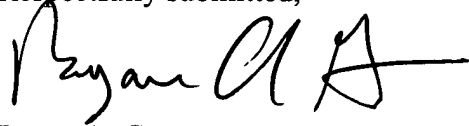
Please cancel Claims 1 – 26.

Please add the following claims:

27. (New) A speed reduction system having both gear and bearing characteristics, the system comprising:
- a first gear bearing having a first central axis and including
 - a first plurality of gear teeth extending radially outward from said first central axis, each first gear tooth having a first contact point disposed a first distance from said first central axis, and
 - a first roller portion including a second contact point, wherein said second contact point is also disposed substantially the first distance from said first central axis.
28. (New) A speed reduction system having both gear and bearing characteristics according to Claim 27, wherein said first gear bearing further includes a crown, said roller crown including a third contact point also disposed substantially the first distance from said central axis.
29. (New) A speed reduction system having both gear and bearing characteristics according to Claim 28, wherein said first gear bearing is rotated about said central axis and said first, second and third contact points have substantially equal rotation speeds.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment,
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Respectfully submitted,

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